

DANCY RECEIVES OVATION.

The Popular Recorder of Deeds Delivers a Masterly Lay Sermon at Second Baptist Church Lyceum--Mrs. Lucy G. Thurman and Miss West Lend Aid.

Last Sunday was the banner day of the new year at the Second Baptist Lyceum. The day was bright and the air was balmy. Fully 1000 persons crowded into the auditorium and the handsome costumes of the ladies gave the scene a decidedly spring-like aspect.

The principal orator of the day was Hon. John C. Dancy, of North Carolina, Recorder of Deeds, but prior to his introduction, the president accorded the floor to Miss Katie J. West, an accomplished young lady of the Government Printing office. In a brief but lucid and practical speech, Miss West corrected an impression that had gotten abroad that she had, in discussing a recent paper on the working girl, declined to consider the teachers and government employees as members of the working class. She explained her attitude by declaring that all persons who served, whether in office or kitchen, were properly classed as wage-earners, but, arguing for the dignity of labor, she was opposed to the foolish idea that one must follow certain preferred callings to secure a standing in society. Character, virtue and industry, she held to be the true tests of social acceptability, and she lauded the girl who was brave enough to earn her own living even in so-called menial pursuits rather than eat the bread of idleness at the expense of aged parents. She was proud to be known as a working girl and objected to any report that she felt above another who was not fortunate enough to be on a government pay-roll. Miss West was liberally applauded.



Mrs. Lucy G. Thurman, of Michigan, superintendent of the W. C. T. U. work in America among colored people, was next introduced. She spoke of the necessity of industrial education as a basis for permanent prosperity among our masses and urged a higher standard of character and self-respect as a guide for our womanhood. A race or people she claimed was rated by the morals of its women--the mothers of a nation. She deplored the alarming growth of intemperance, and said that unless we cultivate sobriety and stronger family unity, the future of the Negro would be in peril. Her address, though extemporaneous, was received with hearty approval.

Hon. John C. Dancy was then presented as a distinguished man, whose path to eminence in church, official station and literature had been snatched from the breach of obstacles and who had been able by his own might to rise from a plow boy to the chair once filled

by Frederick Douglass. It is needless to comment upon Mr. Dancy's speech in detail. It was in his most philosophical and scholarly vein--a lay sermon, preaching fidelity to the principles of God and His church, and showing that governments and men stand upon foundations of sand when they stray away from the light of truth, justice and mercy held out by Holy Writ. Opening with a glowing tribute to the masterly influence of Washington, Lincoln, Douglass and Price as four pillars in our national structure, Mr. Dancy launched forth an eloquent appeal for "Civil and Religious Liberty," the key note of his magnificent and inspiring address. It was Mr. Dancy's best effort since his arrival in Washington. At its close the speaker was given an ovation which lasted for some time. In comparison the audience was the finest that even the popular Second Baptist Lyceum has seen for many days. Other speakers were Justice E. M. Hewlett, L. C. Moore, R. F. Toomey and S. E. Lacy, and Rev. W. Bishop Johnson. President F. W. Thomson's administration surely closed in a blaze of glory.

The Chalfontes Entertain

In spite of the inclement weather there was a delightful gathering at Gray Brothers' Barquet Hall when the La Chalfontes gave their first reception. Among those present were Misses M. Butler, E. Storum, P. Mayo, M. Smallwood, F. Bastie, B. Burns, J. Johnson, F. Lewis, P. Herriot, J. Addison, S. Reed, B. Langhorn, N. Langhorn, K. Ambler, M. Ambler, Lyles, E. Williams, and Misses Winters, Messrs. A. Storum, C. S. Hill, W. S. Early, C. F. Early, R. C. Brown, H. F. Brown, N. Murray, B. D. Boyd, L. Burgess, C. Martin, D. Gaskins, F. Boulding, B. Key, H. Tignor, A. Lee, E. Lewis, J. Bowie and F. Syphax.

A FOOTING IN THE SOIL.

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raised 700 pounds of meat. I have about 300 fruit trees."

This was the dominant note struck. The grumbling, pessimistic, despairing soul was conspicuously absent.

SAFEGUARDS FOR POSTERITY.

Another question much discussed was that of making wills. The average farmer has refrained from executing this document because he thought that as soon as he did it his ownership in his property ceased. Good, plain advice on this point was given and from the expressions of many, the advice will not be barren of good fruit. Many cases were cited whereby children failed to reap the benefit of their parents' labor because of the failure of the parents to attend to this important matter while through their hearts coursed "the ruddy drops."

The improvement of the home life, the lengthening of the school term, diversifying of crops and other matters of pith and moment were discussed. Besides the large number of farmers present there were representatives from every institution in the South devoted to the training of Negroes. The problem of entertaining this large number is not an easy one, and in this connection the unalloyed unselfishness in giving up their rooms that others might be made comfortable is worthy of special mention. The spirit of self-forgetfulness displayed by them is really beautiful.

WHAT WE MUST DO TO BE SAVED.

The Committee on Declarations made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

First--In connection with education, moral and religious training, we recognize that the foundation and growth of our race are to be found in ownership and proper cultivation of the soil, freedom from mortgaging land, stocks or crops; raising food supplies at home; keeping out of large cities, North and South; prompt and willing payment of taxes; keeping out of court; avoiding all forms of extravagance; keeping our young people off the street, from public lounging places; starting a bank account, however small; holding farmers' institutes or local conferences and agricultural fairs.

Second--We must constantly keep in mind that the masses of our people depend on the public schools for their education. These should be strengthened at every point, especially lengthening the terms; securing better teachers; building school houses and supplying them with proper outfits.

Third--We must not overlook the fact that we depend largely for our living upon the common occupations that are about our doors, domestic, mechanical and agricultural.

Since, at present, especially in the South, these occupations are open to us, we should give our careful attention to fitting our youth for these callings, and constantly remind them that there is no disgrace in manual labor, but rather in poor work and all forms of idleness.

We would advise the teaching of agriculture in the public schools, and through the children, would impress upon the parents the value of the dairy, vegetable garden and poultry yard to every family.

Fifth--We recognize the great work to be done for the schools, the churches and public improvements, especially in the building and maintenance of good public roads. In the promotion of this and every needed good, we pledge our most hearty co-operation with our white friends, North and South.

Sixth--We believe our progress, in all the essentials of life, all things considered, is most encouraging and that our motto should be "Ever onward."

After the adoption of these Declarations the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, and thus was brought to close a red letter day in the history of Tuskegee. To-morrow, the Workers' Conference will be in session and a most interesting meeting is anticipated as men high in state, church and other spheres of activity are already on the grounds.

A Change of Ownership.

Messrs. A. A. Hancock and Co. have succeeded Mr. Bernard Kopf as proprietors of the long established cigar and tobacco store at 1235 Pa. ave. n. w. The head of the firm, Mr. Hancock, was formerly an employee of Mr. Kopf, and has had many years experience in the business. He is well known and popular among the local retail dealers, a great majority of whom are his patrons. In addition to continuing the popular goods of his predecessor, Mr. Hancock will be distributor for Hilson, of New York, maker of the famous Hoffman House cigar, also for Jose M. Fernandez, of Havana. Mr. Hancock is very popular among the colored business men in the District.

Mrs. Boyce a Visitor.

Mrs. Sanbury Boyce, wife of the enterprising dry goods merchant in Jacksonville, Fla. is spending a few days in Washington. She has just returned from New York city where she went to purchase their spring and summer goods. After spending a few days in Philadelphia she came to this city where she is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Alexander. In company with Miss Lena Gibbons, a former clerk in her husband's store in Jacksonville, she paid this office a very pleasant visit.

Important Letter to the Editor.

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TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Mrs. R. E. Lawson, Miss Ella M. Boston, and L. A. Peebles, report a very enjoyable time, at the reception held by Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, last Tuesday evening, at the El-mere, to meet Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens and Miss Anna G. Gordon, President and Vice-President of the National W. C. T. U.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear to bring about the election of Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, secretary of education for the Baptist denomination of the country. The federated colored schools should be managed by a board and secretary composed of sympathetic and competent Afro-Americans.

Bishop L. J. Coppin's lecture on "Africa" Monday evening at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church drew out an appreciative audience. The scholarly prelate drew an optimistic picture of Africa's future and spoke encouragingly of the growth of religious and educational work that is to redeem the Dark Continent.

Miss Minnie Crutchfield has been appointed to a position in the Government Printing Office and has been assigned to the record (night) force. She has resigned as pianist of the Second Baptist Lyceum. Misses Eva Bell, Rebecca Gay and Cora Williams are mentioned for the succession.

Washington friends of Mrs. Alexander Walters are greatly concerned over the sad news that her progress toward recovery is slow. Bishop Walters and his family have the deepest sympathy of this community in this hour of trial and it is hoped that an encouraging report will come to us soon.

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